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Title: **PREPAID TELEPHONE CALLING CARD WITH MESSAGE RECORDING CAPABILITY**

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AMENDMENT

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Jubin Dana

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action ("Office Action") dated October 4, 1999, the following remarks are offered in the above-referenced application ("Application"):

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending. Applicants have carefully considered the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action and submit the following remarks as a complete response thereto.

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b, e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,740,229 or 5,864,606 both to Hanson, et al. (hereinafter "Hanson '229" and "Hanson '606" or collectively "Hanson"). Claims 1, 9, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,912,956 to Longo et al. (hereinafter "Longo"). Claims